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- 1. JP 9-190195 A, published July 22, 1997;
- 2. JP 9-261184 A, published October 3, 1997;
- 3. JP 10-63297 A, published March 6, 1998;
- 4. JP 10-116097 A, published May 6, 1998;
- MASANOA SUZUKI et al., "3G Mobile Communication Oriented Voice Code Conversion Technology", IEICE Technical Report, April 2001, Pages 47-52, Information and Communication Engineers, Japan;
- 6. JP 8-146997 A, published June 7, 1996 was previously cited in and IDS on October 7, 2005:
- JP 2002-202799 A, published July 19,2002 was previously cited in an IDS on October
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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003; and all foreign references previously cited to the USPTO.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding Japanese Office Action dated December 17, 2008 and an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof which cites such documents and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

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